

gaged in politics would not forget the lessons of their ancestors, that they would keep an upright judgment, and would not relinquish that prudence that Nature had given to Italians. Concluding, the Pope exhorted the Cardinals to pray to God to protect Italy in the present difficult times.

**SWITZERLAND.**

The Swiss Federal Council has ordered the baggage of the exiled French Carthusians to be admitted into Switzerland exempt from all custom inspections. A good lesson is thus administered to Catholic France by Switzerland. Although some of the cantons of the Swiss Federation are exclusively Catholic, and the Catholics number about 40½ per cent. of the total population, the balance in power in the Federal Council is held by the Protestant cantons.

**UNITED STATES.**

The Rev. Dr. Frisby, of the Episcopalian Church, Boston, has paid a warm tribute to the work of Catholic nuns. At a meeting of the Prison Reform League of Boston he said, in speaking of the League's special purpose, which is to make the prisons lead to prevention of crime and a decrease of it:—'Our prisons are a failure, they punish, but they do not reform. Indeed, they breed crime, for while some few are won to better things the greater number return to their old, evil life. Then our prisons need some new influence, some new power that will reform character and give a new motive for life, and religion alone can do this. This is no dream. The thing is being done at the House of the Good Shepherd, where all classes, from wayward girls to hardened women who have been the despair of the courts, live under the care of Sisters, and are humanised and Christianised.'

**College statistics.**

Statistics that have been completed at All Hallows College, Salt Lake City, disclose the interesting fact that over a third of the students of this Catholic institution are non-Catholic. The total on the roll for the past year was 100, of which 55 were non-Catholics. Five of these were Jews, 13 Episcopalian, three Unitarians, three Christian Scientists, three Presbyterians, two Methodists, and the rest affiliated with no church in particular.

**The See of Manila.**

News reaches Washington from Rome that an American prelate will

soon be appointed to succeed Archbishop Nozaleda, of Manila, who has resigned, and it is surmised that the Right Rev. George Montgomery Bishop of Los Angeles, California, will be chosen.

**Catholic increase.**

The Catholic Church increased in the United States by 80,432 during the year 1900. The New York 'Christian Advocate' says that 'the largest gains in communicants between 1890 and 1900 were made by the Catholics—2,508,212. The Methodists (17 bodies) stand second with 1,327,065.'

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